

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A catalytic exhaust-gas purification device, comprising:

a casing;

a monolithic ceramic honeycomb element mounted in said casing;

a compensating layer disposed between said casing and said honeycomb element and wound around said honeycomb element, said compensating layer including:

a swelling mat with border regions at risk from abrasion;

an insulating mat having a border and an inner region;

said border of said insulating mat having a thicker region at least at one end of said honeycomb element than at said inner region; and

said swelling mat being disposed adjacent a side of said inner region of said insulating mat facing away from said

honeycomb element and said thicker region of said border
of said insulating mat covering said border regions of
said swelling mat at risk from abrasion;

~~said compensating layer being wound around said honeycomb
element.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The catalytic exhaust-gas
purification device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said
insulating mat is folded over toward said casing at said
border, forming~~ said thicker region of said border is a fold
toward said casing.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The catalytic exhaust-gas
purification device according to claim 1, wherein said
insulating mat contains a ceramic material ~~with very low heat
conduction and heat convection properties.~~

Claims 4-5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): The catalytic exhaust-gas
purification device according to claim 1, wherein said
swelling mat contains a ceramic material with adjacent
cavities, said ceramic material being adapted to seal said
adjacent cavities by swelling upon absorbing water.

Claim 7 (original): The catalytic exhaust-gas purification device according to claim 1, wherein said compensating layer is formed of a composite material.

Claim 8 (original): The catalytic exhaust-gas purification device according to claim 7, wherein said compensating layer is circumferentially wound at least once around said honeycomb element.

Claim 9 (original): The catalytic exhaust-gas purification device according to claim 7, wherein said compensating layer is assembled from prefabricated segments.

Claim 10 (original): The catalytic exhaust-gas purification device according to claim 9, wherein said segments are selected from the group consisting of cylindrical segments, oval segments, and half shells.

Claim 11 (original): The catalytic exhaust-gas purification device according to claim 9, wherein said segments are matched to a contour of said casing.

Claim 12 (previously presented): In combination with a honeycomb element, a compensating layer to be wound around the honeycomb element, comprising:

an insulating mat with a border and an inner region, said inner region having a given thickness and said border of said insulating mat being thicker than said inner region at least in parts thereof; and

a swelling mat with border regions at risk from abrasion, said swelling mat being disposed adjacent said inner region of said insulating mat with said thicker parts of said border covers said border regions of said swelling mat at risk from abrasion.

Claim 13 (original): The compensating layer according to claim 12, wherein said swelling mat and said insulating mat together form a composite for holding a monolithic honeycomb element in a metallic casing of a catalytic exhaust-gas purification device.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The compensating layer according to claim 12, wherein ~~said insulating mat is folded over at an edge thereof, forming~~ said thicker region of said border of said insulating mat is a fold toward said casing.

Claim 15 (original): The compensating layer according to claim 12, wherein said insulating mat contains a ceramic material with very low heat conduction and heat convection properties.

Claims 16-17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (original): The compensating layer according to claim 12, wherein said swelling mat contains a ceramic material adapted to swell upon absorbing water.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The compensating layer according to claim 12, wherein said compensating layer is formed of a composite material.

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (original): The compensating layer according to claim 19, wherein said compensating layer is assembled from prefabricated segments.

Claim 22 (original): The compensating layer according to claim 19, wherein said segments are selected from the group consisting of cylindrical segments, oval segments, and half shells.